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In claim 9, line 1, "3" has been changed to -3--.

In claim 10, line 1, "5" has been changed to -3--.

In claim 11, line 1, "5" has been changed to -3--.

In claim 16, line 1, "15" has been changed to -3--.

In claim 18, line 1, "15" has been changed to -3--.

In claim 19, line 1, "15" has been changed to -3--.

In claim 30, the phrase --, wherein said predetermined release force is designed to fail at a predetermined load or threshold force level to prevent knee injury to a wearer—has been added before the period ".".

Conclusion

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